A new Means of Deviation

<u>Question:</u> The Ghayr Muqallideen and members of the Jamaate Islaami here in England have announced ten to fifteen days beforehand that the first of Ramadhaan will fall on Thursday, whereas according to the calculations of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, that day will be the 28th of Sha'baan.

<u>Answer:</u> When people forsake Taqleed (following a Madh'hab) to follow the dictates of their whims, whatever acts of deviation they do will never be enough for them. It then becomes very easy for them to become Qadianis, argumentative and rejecters of the Ahadeeth. The leader of the Muhadditheen, Hadhrat Shah Wali'ullaah Muhaddith Dehlawi رحمه الله stated, "Great perils lie in forsaking Taqleed."[1]

Moulana Muhammad Husayn Batalwi whom the *Ghayr Muqallideen* look up to wrote in his book *Ishaa'atus Sunnah*, "Twenty five years of experience has proven to me that those who forsake following the *Mujtahideen* and a *Madh'hab* eventually end up bidding farewell to Islaam. Many of the become Christians and other become people who follow no religion at all. The least that happens is that they no longer follow the Shari'ah and fall into sin."

Forsaking Taqleed opens the door to misguidance. May Allaah protect us all. Aameen.

Rasulullaah ρ, Hadhrat Abu Bakr τ, Hadhrat Umar τ, Hadhrat Uthmaan τ and Hadhrat Ali τ never made any announcement ten to fifteen days beforehand that Ramadhaan or any of the two Eids will fall on a particular day. They always looked for the moon on the 29th of the month and if it was not sighted, they regarded the month to be one of 30 days. Even though Rasulullaah ρ received revelation, he did announce the date without following the procedure of looking for the moon. The announcement was made only when the moon was actually sighted.

What is happening in your area is therefore a clear act of deviation and together with being themselves misguided, the people involved are misguiding others as well, as stated in the Hadith[2]. May Allaah protect all Muslims from this misfortune. Aameen.

And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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[1] *Aqdul Jayyid* (Pg.31).
[2] Mishkaatul Masaabeeh (Pg.33).